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TAGS: PGOV, PHUM, KPAO, CASC, VE
SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH VENEZUELAN MINISTER OF
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

Classified By: Salome Hernandez, PAO for reason 1.4 (d)

Summary

1. (C) Ambassador met with Venezuelan Minister of
Communication and Information Andres Izarra on December 3.

End summary.

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Media Law

2. (U) Minister Izarra raised the new Media Law. He

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noted that the private media had been given ample opportunity to influence the law but that they had "rejected the dialogue" and had walked out of the technical commission discussions to which they had been invited. He stated that the goal of the law was to protect children. He also noted that President Chavez only wants to "democratize" the electronic waves and to create a new market of independent producers. The Council that will make decisions on implementation of the law would be democratic, with representation from all levels of society, Indians, women, private media, producers, etc. "Society must be active in control of the media ... influence broadcasts," he said.

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